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RE: Point of View Contest

Welcome to Teen Ink, a national teen magazine, book series, and website devoted entirely to teenage writing, art, photos and forums. Teen Ink magazine offers some of the most thoughtful and creative work generated by teens and has the largest distribution of any publication of its kind.  It's no secret...you have an "amazing-ness" inside of you, just waiting to be discovered.  Because there are no *TeenInk* staff writers, the magazine is depending solely on you to submit your work. We need you to participate in the Points of View contest. You will need to show an informed and balanced perspective on the most important issues regarding your essential question: *What role does culture and heritage play in shaping a person’s identity?*  Your voice and perspective is extremely valuable! We challenge you to take the opportunity to publish your creative work and opinions on important issues that affect people and the environment you live in.

Your point of view needs to engage your teen audience-change the reader’s point of view, bring about some action on the reader’s part, or ask the reader to accept your explanation or evaluation of the issue you choose to discuss. Not only do we really need you, but you will have the opportunity to win 200 dollars along and your writing will be published in our print magazine and on the website.

We value your writing expertise and enthusiasm. We are eager to hear from you very soon. Good luck on your writing journey.

Sincerely,

Teen Ink